

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
CHAPTER 61

Statutory Authority: S.C. Code Section 48-1-10 et seq.

Notice of Drafting:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department) proposes to amend specific sections of R.61-68, Water Classifications and Standards, and sections of R. 61-69, Classified Waters. Interested persons are invited to submit their views and recommendations in writing to Amy M. Bennett, Standards Coordinator, Bureau of Water, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, or by email at bennetam@dhec.sc.gov. To be considered, written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2007.

Synopsis:

Section 303(c)(2)(B) of the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that South Carolina's water quality standards be reviewed and revised, where necessary, at least every three years for the purposes of considering the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) most recent numeric and narrative criteria and to comply with recent Federal regulatory revisions and recommendations. The Department has prepared this notice of drafting to begin the required triennial review process. In order to comply with this Federal requirement, the Department will need to make specific revisions to the existing water quality standards regulation. Some of the topics that the Department is proposing to consider during this review may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Review and, where appropriate, adoption of revised Federal water quality criteria to reflect the most current final published criteria according to Sections 304(a) and 307(a) of the CWA.

- Review and, where appropriate, revise the assessment of the bacteriological indicator for protection of recreational uses.

- Addition or revision of definitions.

- Review and, where appropriate, adopt a site-specific dissolved oxygen standard for portions of the Savannah River.

- Review the underlying scientific basis for human health protection related to the arsenic criteria and, if appropriate, revise the arsenic criteria.

- Stylistic changes which may include corrections for: readability, grammar, punctuation, typography, codification, references, and language style.

Legislative review will be required.